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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Intelligence Staff, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Conversation with EDCI on 26 May 1961 Regarding Special Support Requirements

REFERENCE : Memo to C/IPD/INTEL from AC/IPD; Subject: "Conversation with [redacted] on 23 May 1961 Regarding Special Support Requirements", Dated 24 May 1961 (COR-1153)

1. In connection with paragraph 4 of the referenced document dealing with the inclusion or exclusion of [redacted] and Project CORONA from the monthly reporting mechanism to the Special Assistant to the President for International Security Affairs, I raised the matter with General Cabell in his office 26 May.

2. It was his view that we should not quibble about the inclusion of [redacted] mission information in this report, even though there is a technicality involved; i.e., it is theoretically a second country operation. Accordingly, would you please be guided by his feeling in this instance.

3. In the case of Project CORONA, he felt that this should be reported on by a special document properly covered with a blue security sheet and that in doing so we should indicate that we have major misgivings about the wisdom of actually posting information of this sensitivity in a Situation Room, even though in this case it will be in the White House. I am sure that the likelihood exists in the collection mechanism that [redacted] will undoubtedly set up that CORONA will not be so included. Yet of this we cannot be sure, and if through inadvertence some inquisitive or uncleared person should learn of the true purpose of the so-called white program that covers Project CORONA, our entire effort over the past many months would have been for naught. By the way, information was passed to me by [redacted] that in the case of both of these reports they should be prepared for the signature of the DD/P, rather than the AC/IPD. We can cover them with a transmitting memorandum which will be removed prior to the time the report leaves of the office of the DD/P.

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